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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-26 and 28-32 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 7-14, 17, 23-26 and 28-32 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 6, 15, 16 and 18-22 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15-19-21-22, 24 and 28-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 15-16 and 18-22 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bolosky et al. (US 6,118,790) in view of Soirinsuo et al. (US 6,084,855).

1. Regarding 1-3, 15-16, 18-22, Bolosky discloses a method of switching audio on an egress channel over a network (abstract, lines 1-2; fig. 1; col. 3, lines 47-53). The method comprises generating first and second audio streams (col. 3, lines 21-22) of egress packets including inherent control header information (col. 2, lines 58-60) and delivering the streams to an inherent network interface controller (fig. 1, items 10 and 12; note: network interface controller of audio station for connecting to the Internet). However, Bolosky does not disclose evaluating the relative priority of the streams based on priority information in the control header to determine which stream to transmit to the network. Soirinsuo discloses transmitting packets to a network based on the relative priority of the packets (col. 9, lines 53-60 and col. 10, lines 10-12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to transmit packets according to priority in the invention of Bolosky in order to transmit packets according to delay or bandwidth requirements.

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2. Regarding claim 5-6, Bolosky in view of Soirinsuo does not disclose RTP information in IP packets. One skilled in the art would recognize that RTP information is typically included in real-time Internet packets. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have RTP information in the IP audio packet of Bolosky in order to properly control the flow of the packets through the network to reduce delay or to properly control playback of packets at a reception device.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 7-14, 17, 23-26 and 28-32 are allowed.

Conclusion

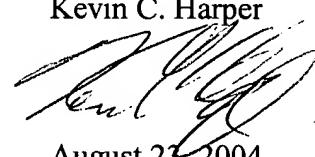
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-3166. The examiner can normally be reached weekdays from 11:30 AM to 8:00 PM ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema S. Rao, can be reached at 571-272-3174. The centralized fax number for the Patent Office is 703-872-9306.

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